



# Pope High School Baseball Booster Club 2013-2014



**Pope Booster Club Mission Statement – Adopted 2001:**  
To provide assistance to the players and coaches by ensuring the Pope Baseball team has the means to perform on an equal basis with other high school teams.

## POPE BASEBALL

### 2013-2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/13	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Initial Booster Club Board Meeting at Pope
8/27	Tuesday	7:50 a.m.	Prospective Player Meeting - Pope Main Gym
9/10	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Booster Club Meeting - Pope Cafeteria
10/11	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Greyhound Nation Celebration – Keegan’s
10/14	Monday	11:30 a.m.	Pope Baseball Golf Tournament - Indian Hills CC
10/22	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Booster Club meeting – Pope Media Center
10/26	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
10/27	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/2	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/3	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/9	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/9	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Field Workday - Pope High School Baseball Field
11/10	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/16	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/17	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/20	Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Money Due - Coach Rowland’s Office
12/14	Saturday	9-11:00 a.m.	Coffee Distribution, Player Pant Sizing & Reebok Equipment Day – Pope Media Center
1/13	Monday	4:00 p.m.	Baseball Fun Runs Begin - After School
1/14	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Final Booster Club Meeting - Pope Media Center Tryout information & coaches expectations
1/27	Monday	4:00 p.m.	JV Tryouts Begin
1/27	Monday	5:00 p.m.	Varsity Tryouts Begin
2/4	Tuesday	TBD	Team Cuts Posted on Pope Baseball Website
2/11	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	First Pitch Banquet - Pope Cafeteria
2/14	Friday	3:00 p.m.	Player Letter Writing
2/15	Saturday	TBD	Team Pictures before Scrimmage vs. Etowah
2/18	Tuesday	5:55 p.m.	JV Season Opener at North Cobb
2/21	Friday	TBD	Varsity Valdosta Trip (2/21 – 2/22)
2/25	Tuesday	5:55 p.m.	JV 1 <sup>st</sup> Home Game vs. Kennesaw Mtn.
3/12	Wednesday	5:50 p.m.	Teacher Appreciation Night
3/19	Wednesday	5:50 p.m.	Sponsor Night
4/1	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Varsity back from Spring Break & practice
4/3	Thursday	TBD	Varsity Game
4/24	Thursday	5:55 p.m.	Senior Night after Varsity game
5/18	Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Final Pitch Banquet - Pope Cafeteria

## **POPE BASEBALL**



The Pope Baseball Booster Club would like to welcome our freshman and first year parents and welcome back our returning parents to the Pope Baseball family. We are excited and appreciative of your participation and support of Pope High School Baseball.

### **BOOSTER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide assistance to the players and coaches by ensuring that Pope Baseball has the means to compete at the highest level and perform on an equal basis with other high school teams.

### **WHO WE ARE**

The booster club is comprised primarily of families with a player participating in the baseball program. The support of the booster club is crucial to the success of the program both on and off the field. It is not only the monetary support, but also the positive support and participation at all baseball related functions such as attendance at games, field work days, concession stand duty, sponsorship efforts, coffee sales, golf tournament, and other related baseball activities. There are many events planned to ensure our teams have the means to compete at the highest level. The booster club has a proven road map to ensure we meet our goals – step by step.

### **POPE BASEBALL**

The Pope Baseball program is not limited to a four-month season, but rather a four-year commitment that will last a lifetime. Memories and friendships are developed and life lessons and skills are learned. Those experiences learned by today's players will be passed down to our future generation of baseball players.

### **OPERATING BUDGET**

It currently requires an operating budget of \$109,000 to run the Pope Baseball program. Of that amount Cobb County provides support of only \$2,200. The Booster Club is responsible for the balance. Fortunately, over the years the Booster Club has developed three primary fundraising events that have allowed us to meet our financial responsibilities as both individual families and as a team.

### **SPECIFIC COSTS**

<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>Coaches' stipends; coaches' clinics &amp; professional development</b>
<b>\$25,300</b>	<b>Field maintenance, uniforms &amp; equipment</b>
<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Events – banquet dinners, awards, senior night, travel, etc.</b>

## POPE BASEBALL FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

### 1. LOCAL SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorship dollars are traditionally the top producer of funding for our baseball program. Many businesses are eager to sponsor the program and all we need to do is ask! Our sponsorship efforts begin in September and allow us to get a "head start" on our competition. Our goal is to have sponsorships in place before the start of the season (on February 1, 2014) and allow everyone to focus on baseball. **Jack Williams** is serving as our Vice President of Development and will coordinate our sponsorship efforts.

### 2. GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Pope Golf Tournament hosted at Indian Hills Country Club is one of our most popular fundraisers. This year's tournament will be on Monday, October 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$125 per player, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, and prizes. There will be a shotgun start. We encourage all parents and invited friends and colleagues to participate. **Amy Siegal and Wendy Lowe** will co-chair our golf tournament this year.

### 3. GREYHOUND NATION CELEBRATION

The Greyhound Nation Celebration will take place Friday; October 11<sup>th</sup> at Keegan's Public House with items to be auctioned to benefit Pope Athletics. Items can be submitted specific to the baseball program. The focus for 2013-2014 is Project S.A.F.E.. **Susan Chambers** will coordinate our Greyhound Nation Celebration efforts.

### 4. GROUNDS FOR HOUNDS COFFEE SALES

This traditional fundraiser is held in the fall and is always a big seller for our program. Each player is responsible for selling a minimum of 25 gift packs of coffee at \$10.00 each. Each pack contains a full pound of gourmet coffee. The success of this event is greatly enhanced by the generosity of Partners Coffee Company. **Zelette Fortune** will coordinate our coffee sales this year.

### 5. BASEBALL SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets for all regular season home games (not including playoff games) can be purchased at the First Pitch Banquet. All proceeds from season tickets go *directly* to the Pope Baseball budget and families are credited the full amount towards the family dues. Revenue from tickets purchased at the gate does not go to Pope Baseball.

## POPE BASEBALL

### FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS (Continued)

#### **6. SPIRIT APPAREL**

Pope Baseball spirit wear will be available throughout the year. T-shirts, jackets, stadium chairs, hats, car stickers, etc. will be on sale in the coming months. **Debi Mattiford and Vicky Ryder** will coordinate our spirit wear this season.

#### **7. REEBOK SPONSOR DAY**

Reebok shoes, bats, gloves, catcher's equipment, etc. will be on sale at discounted prices during our annual Reebok Day held Saturday, December 14th. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase top quality equipment on site in the cafeteria.

#### **8. SUMMER/FALL FIELD USAGE**

In addition to the Pope High School Baseball teams, our field is used by East Cobb Baseball during the fall and summer months. In exchange for this East Cobb Baseball provides a significant financial sponsorship to the Pope Baseball program. Pope also earns concession stand profits during this time.

#### **9. CONCESSIONS**

Pope Baseball operates a full concession stand for all varsity and junior varsity home games. The concession stand is also open during most fall and summer tournament games. All profits are generated for Pope Baseball.

#### **10. BOOSTER CLUB DUES**

Each family's booster club dues goal is \$900. This amount can be reached and/or reduced through our fundraiser programs. While membership in the booster club is optional, it is strongly encouraged and demonstrates a quality commitment to the program.

<b>Example 1</b>			<b>Example 2</b>	
\$900	Family Due Target		\$900	Family Due Target
-\$150	Obtain 1 Sponsorship		-\$300	Obtain 2 Sponsorships
-\$250	Coffee Sales		-\$255	Coffee Sales
\$0	No Golf Tournament		-\$125	Golf Tournament Ticket
-\$165	Three Season Tickets		-\$220	Four Season Tickets
-\$335	Out-of-Pocket Dues		\$0	Out-of-Pocket Dues
\$0	Balance		\$0	Balance

Any family with two players in the program will receive a 50% discount on the dues for the second player. All dues are paid in early February at the First Pitch Banquet after the varsity and junior varsity teams are selected.

## **SPIRIT PACK**

A Pope Baseball Spirit Pack, which includes two pair of game pants, a game belt and a hat, is offered to the players. There is a separate charge for this pack. The fee will be communicated before the First Pitch Banquet.

## **POPE BASEBALL EVENTS**

### **1. FALL & SPRING FIELD WORK DAYS**

Pope facilities were named Georgia Dugout Club's 2012 AAAA Field of the Year. The coaches and players put countless hours and effort into maintaining the field and facility. Each fall and spring the booster club members are asked to participate in our field work days at the direction of **Coach Rowland and David Lowe**. An e-mail will be sent out with specific dates and times once the work dates are finalized.

### **2. IMPACT TESTING**

All athletes participating in contact sports will undergo Impact Testing. This is baseline concussion tests conducted and sponsored by Wellstar Health.

### **3. SENIOR DAY**

It is a Pope Baseball tradition to honor our graduating senior players. This year's date is April 24th. Each player is provided with multiple keepsake items to honor his baseball career at this special event. **Julie John, Vicky Ryder and Christy Liedberg** are our Senior Day coordinators.

### **4. FIRST PITCH BANQUET**

After the varsity and junior varsity teams are selected the Booster Club hosts a First Pitch Banquet in February before the first game. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend. The varsity, junior varsity, diamond girls, and coaching staff are introduced and Coach Rowland provides insight to the upcoming season. Each family is asked to bring a designated drink or food item.

### **5. FINAL PITCH BANQUET**

Our end of season Final Pitch banquet is held in May. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend. The varsity, junior varsity, diamond girls, and coaching staff are recognized. Player awards are announced and the coaching staff shares comments about the season. It is a goal each year that the banquet be in the middle of a playoff run! Each family is asked to bring a designated drink or food item.



## **6. ALUMNI GAME**

The Pope Alumni baseball game is a fun event held every other year the day after Thanksgiving. This is an off year. The next alumni game will be held in November 2014 at the Pope High School Baseball Field.

## **POPE BASEBALL** **GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **1. PRE-GAME MEALS**

Each Booster Club family signs up to provide a pre-game meal for a weekday varsity or junior varsity game. Meals are not provided on weekends or holidays. The meals are delivered to the Pope Baseball Field picnic tables by 3pm. The meals should be simple such as homemade sandwiches or subs, cookies, sports drink, and water. Enough meals should be provided for coaches and players, which can range from 20 to 30 people.

### **2. CONCESSIONS**

The Booster Club and Pope Baseball Diamond Girls handle the various concessions stand responsibilities. Parents are expected to work the grill and perform post-game clean up.

### **3. DRIVERS**

The players are transported to most games by bus. There are some instances that buses are not available and we ask our parents to volunteer to drive. The players are prohibited from driving to games on their own.

### **4. PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Pope Baseball has been fortunate to have talented photographers within our group of Booster Club families. Each year we designate 1-2 people for both the varsity and junior varsity teams to serve as our official team photographers. Anyone interested in contributing to this position should contact the Booster Club President.

### **5. WEBSITE GAME SUMMARIES**

After each varsity and junior varsity game a Booster Club volunteer writes a game summary and posts on the Pope Baseball website. Each year we designate a varsity and JV parent to serve as our official team writers. Anyone interested in contributing to this position should contact the Booster Club President.

**POPE BASEBALL**  
**COLLEGE & PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**

**COLLEGE PLAYERS:**

**1990-1991**

Mason Rose – Augusta  
Brandon Hollier – Brevard/Furman  
Mike Tiger – Brevard

**1992-1993**

Chris McAuley – Emory

**1994-1995**

Steve Loueiro – Oglethorpe  
Chris Rynders – Western Carolina  
Mark Holmes – Samford University

**1995-1996**

Andy Kropf – Vanderbilt

**1996-1997**

Kyle Hatchell – GA Southern  
Brian Mays – Faulkner  
Matt Letourneau – Lee University

**1997-1998**

Chris Turco – Presbyterian  
Trey Johnson – Kennesaw State  
Richard Lewis – Georgia Tech  
Mike Perrino – Brewton Park

**1998-1999**

Aaron Sheffield – North Carolina  
Mark Ihlenberg – Conn/ North GA  
Nate Stark – Young Harris/ Radford  
Ben Genrich – Kennesaw State  
Adam Bahun – Oglethorpe

**1999-2000**

Steve Casey – Wofford  
Mickey Kropf – Harvard/ Vanderbilt  
Trevor Allen – Berry College  
Brandon Martin – Gardner Webb  
Stan Smith – SC at Spartanburg

**2000-2001**

Brandon Boggs – Georgia Tech  
Scott Holloway – Wofford  
Steve Martin – Appalachian State  
Tim Johnson – App State/ GA State  
Jeb Gibbs – Wallace State

**2001-2002**

Chas D'Huyvetter – Georgia  
Daniel Richerson – W. Carolina  
Patrick Arnett – Furman  
Clint O'Brien – Chattanooga State  
Greg Dowling – Georgia Southern

**COLLEGE PLAYERS:**

**2002-2003**

Ryan Addison – Young Harris/ Elon  
Nick Montgomery – Georgia  
Nate Kuhn – Evangel

**2003-2004**

Paul Sauer – Reinhardt  
Kevin Brennan – Young Harris

**2004-2005**

Brent Martin – Reinhardt  
Trevor Collias – Western Carolina  
Jere Gaines – Young Harris  
Chris House – Georgia Tech

**2005-2006**

Drew Bryant – Reinhardt  
Mark Fleury – North Carolina  
Kevin Gaid – Furman  
Zach Haedt – Young Harris  
Chad Hiddleson – Reinhardt  
Mike Meschke – Florida State  
Steven Rosado – North Florida JC

**2006-2007**

Andrew Cohn – Emory  
Andrew Jones – Samford  
Ben Gonglach – Reinhardt College

**2007-2008**

Stephan Arcieri – Lenoir-Rhyne  
Ryan Gale – Truett-McConnell  
Matt Houser – Univ. of Charleston  
Marshall Seedorf – G. Washington

**2008-2009**

Deven Cardenas – Piedmont  
Ryan Khan – Augusta State  
Matt Lane – Mississippi State  
Matt Liedberg – Gardner Webb  
Jon Matthews – Charleston So.  
Jake Montgomery – Georgia  
Ryan Ussery – UAB  
Robbie Walton – Brigham Young  
Ryan Walton – Brigham Young

**2009-2010**

Will Kendall – Auburn  
Steve Wilkerson – Clemson

**2010-2011**

Connor Lynch – Georgia Tech  
Grant Papelian – Mercer  
Matt Stephens – Piedmont  
Alex Hegner – NW Florida JC

**COLLEGE PLAYERS:**

**2011-2012**

Duane Underwood – Chicago Cubs  
Ben Levine – Piedmont  
Tripp Sullivan – Chattanooga State  
Joe Wiseman – Georgia Tech  
Greg Keel – Berry College

**2012-2013**

Johnny Flading – St. Petersburg College  
Nathaniel Lowe – Mercer  
Brady Walsh – Georgia College

**MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS:**

Duane Underwood – Chicago Cubs  
Andy Kropf – Detroit Tigers  
Aaron Sheffield – Milwaukee Brewers  
Richard Lewis – Atlanta Braves  
Mickey Kropf - Detroit Tigers  
Brandon Boggs – Texas Rangers  
Greg Dowling – Oakland A's  
Nick Montgomery – New York Yankees  
Mark Fleury – Cincinnati Reds  
Andrew Jones – Boston Red Sox  
Matt Lane – Chicago White Sox  
Jon Matthews – Cincinnati Reds



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